

Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced warmer temperatures this week accelerating the crop development. The dryer conditions allowed more time in the field, with most of the state still reporting good levels of irrigation water. Farmers were able to work 5.2 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	12	69	19
Last Week	0	9	65	26
Last Year	19	38	41	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	5	22	67	6
Last Week	6	22	65	7
Last Year	25	39	35	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was reported at 64 percent turning color, with 7 percent ripe. The crop was also reported in mostly good condition. Spring barley was 7 percent headed by week's end and rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring wheat was reported as 8 percent headed, and 1 percent turning color with the rating of mostly good to excellent condition. All of the small grains progresses are significantly behind the 5-year average due to a cool, wet spring.

Row Crops: Farmers finished planting corn this week with 96 percent emerged and in mostly good condition. Sorghum was 67 percent planted, and 39 percent emerged. Dry onions are in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were completely planted this week with 79 percent emerged. Fall potatoes were at 86 percent emerged. Both groups of potatoes were reported in mostly good condition. Farmers had 88 percent of the sunflower crop planted by week's end. Dry bean acreage was 77 percent planted with 53 percent emerged. Crop progress this week for row crops had a good push with crops closer to the 5-year average than in previous weeks.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 21, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	1	7	15	55	22
Last Year	19	30	33	15	3
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	0	19	45	36
Last Year	2	7	31	37	23
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	0	16	40	44
Last Year	1	11	26	36	26

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado were rated mostly fair to good. The alfalfa crop ended the week in mostly good condition with 61 percent of the first cutting complete, a 26 point jump from the previous week, but still 12 points behind the average.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average last week. Stored feed supplies were rated slightly above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending June 21, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	1	6	31	45	17
Prev. Year - 2008	23	27	32	15	3
5-Year Avg.	14	22	29	29	6

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending June 21, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Turning Color	64	28	57	71
Ripe	7	2	23	24
Spring Barley				
Headed	7	5	31	41
Spring Wheat				
Headed	8	2	19	35
Turning Color	1	N/A	2	3
Summer Potatoes				
Emerged	79	55	77	86
Fall Potatoes				
Emerged	86	41	61	74
Corn				
Emerged	96	87	100	99
Sorghum				
Planted	67	53	75	86
Emerged	39	15	28	58
Sunflowers				
Planted	88	68	77	83
Dry Beans				
Planted	77	70	65	89
Emerged	53	38	39	62
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	61	35	75	73

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	1	16	55	28
Corn	1	2	13	54	30
Sugarbeets	0	1	11	71	17
Summer Potatoes	0	0	3	87	10
Dry Beans	0	0	3	89	8
Dry Onions	0	1	7	68	24
Livestock	0	2	12	72	14

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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